

Design Capacity: 0.3 MGD

Type of Flow Measurement which the facility is currently using:

combination totalizing meter continuous recorder

V. RECEIVING WATERS:

The discharge is into the Mississippi River in segment 070301 of the Mississippi River Basin. This segment is not listed on the 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies.

The designated uses and degree of support for Segment 070301 of the Mississippi River Basin are as indicated in the table below^{1/}:

Overall Degree of Support for Segment 070301	Degree of Support of Each Use						
	Primary Contact Recreation	Secondary Contact Recreation	Propagation of Fish & Wildlife	Outstanding Natural Resource Water	Drinking Water Supply	Shell fish Propagation	Agriculture
Full	Full	Full	Full	N/A	Full	N/A	N/A

^{1/}The designated uses and degree of support for Segment 070301 of the Mississippi River Basin are as indicated in LAC 33:IX.1123.C.3, Table (3) and the 2004 Water Quality Management Plan, Volume 5, Part B, Water Quality Inventory respectively.

VI. ENDANGERED SPECIES:

The receiving waterbody, Subsegment 070301 of the Mississippi River Basin, has been identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWLS) as habitat for the Pallid sturgeon, which is listed federally as a threatened species. However, this type of discharge is not listed in Section II.2 of the Implementation Strategy as requiring consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Therefore, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the LDEQ and the FWS, no further informal (Section 7, Endangered Species Act) consultation is required. It was determined that the issuance of the LPDES permit is not likely to have an adverse effect on any endangered or candidate species or the critical habitat. The effluent limitations established in the permit ensure protection of aquatic life and maintenance of the receiving water as aquatic habitat.

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VII. HISTORIC SITES:

The discharge is from an existing facility location, which does not include an expansion beyond the existing perimeter. Therefore, there should be no potential effect to sites or properties on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and in accordance with the "Memorandum of Understanding for the Protection of Historic Properties in Louisiana Regarding LPDES Permits" no consultation with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer is required.

VIII. PUBLIC NOTICE:

Upon publication of the public notice, a public comment period shall begin on the date of publication and last for at least 30 days thereafter. During this period, any interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing to clarify issues involved in the permit decision at this Office's address on the first page of the fact sheet. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing.

The public notice is published in a local paper of general circulation and the Office of Environmental Services Public Notice Mailing List.

For additional information contact:

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IX. PROPOSED PERMIT LIMITS:

Final Effluent Limits:

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Final effluent limits shall become effective on the effective date of the permit and expire on the expiration date of the permit.

Effluent Characteristic	Monthly Avg. (lbs./day)	Monthly Avg.	Weekly Avg.	Basis
BOD ₅	75	30 mg/l	45 mg/l	Limits are set in accordance with the Statewide Sanitary Effluent Limitations Policy (SSELP) for facilities of this treatment type and size discharging to the Mississippi River.
TSS	75	30 mg/l	45 mg/l	Limits are set in accordance with the Statewide Sanitary Effluent Limitations Policy (SSELP) for facilities of this treatment type and size discharging to the Mississippi River.

Other Effluent Limitations:

1) Fecal Coliform

The discharge from this facility is into a water body which has a designated use of Primary Contact Recreation. According to LAC 33:IX.1113.C.5.a, the fecal coliform standards for this water body are 200/100 ml and 400/100 ml. Therefore, the limits of 200/100 ml (Monthly Average) and 400/100 ml (Weekly Average) are proposed as Fecal Coliform limits in the permit. These limits are being proposed through Best Professional Judgment in order to ensure that the water body standards are not exceeded, and due to the fact that existing facilities have demonstrated an ability to comply with these limitations using present available technology.

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2) pH

According to LAC 33:IX.3705.A.1., POTW's must treat to at least secondary levels. Therefore, in accordance with LAC 33:IX.5905.C., the pH shall not be less than 6.0 standard units nor greater than 9.0 standard units at any time.

3) Solids and Foam

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts in accordance with LAC 33:IX.1113.B.7.

X. PREVIOUS PERMITS:

LPDES Permit No LA0020656:	Issued:	February 1, 2001
	Effective:	March 1, 2001
	Expired:	February 28, 2006

During the period beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting through the expiration date of the permit (Design 0.3 MGD)

<u>Effluent Characteristic</u>	<u>Discharge Limitations</u>		<u>Monitoring Requirements</u>	
	<u>Monthly Avg.</u>	<u>Weekly Avg.</u>	<u>Measurement Frequency</u>	<u>Sample Type</u>
Flow	Report	Report	Continuous	Recorder
BOD ₅	30 mg/l	45 mg/l	2/month	Grab
TSS	30 mg/l	45 mg/l	2/month	Grab
Fecal Coliform	200	400	2/month	Grab
pH	6-9 Standard Units		2/month	Grab

XI. ENFORCEMENT AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIONS:

A) Inspections

A review of EDMS indicates the following inspections were performed for this facility:

Date – December 21, 2006

Findings and/or Violations:

A routine compliance evaluation inspection revealed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report was not conducted in 2005. Audit for 2006 was incomplete during time of inspection. Fecal Coliform excursion during second quarter 2006 was not reported on DMR as permit requires. Facility was using expired standards for analyzing pH. No spills, bypasses or hydraulic overloads have occurred at the facility since last inspection.

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Date – October 24, 2005

Findings and/or Violations:

1. Chain of custody forms revealed that the facility is not indicating the individual who sampled and no preservatives are listed on the form.
2. Refrigerator thermometer certificate date could not be located.
3. All other areas appeared satisfactory.

B) Compliance and/or Administrative Orders

A review of EDMS revealed that there was an enforcement action administered against this facility by EPA as follows:

LDEQ Issuance: None

EPA Issuance:

Docket Number CWA-06-2006-2146

Issued – September 21, 2006

Findings:

The permittee was issued an Administrative Order on or about September 21, 2006. The relevant issue was failure to submit annual sludge discharge monitoring report for calendar year 2005. The compliance deadline was 30 days after receipt of this AO.

C) DMR Review

A review of the discharge monitoring reports for the period beginning January 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006 has revealed the following violations:

<u>Effluent Characteristic</u>	<u>Number of Violations</u>
BOD ₅ - (concentration)	0
BOD ₅ - (mass)	0
TSS - (concentration)	2
TSS - (mass)	0
Fecal Coliform	2
pH	0

XII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Final effluent loadings (i.e. lbs/day) have been established based upon the permit limit concentrations and the design capacity of 0.3 MGD.

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Effluent loadings are calculated using the following example:

$$\text{BOD: } 8.34 \text{ gal/lb} \times 0.3 \text{ MGD} \times 30 \text{ mg/l} = 75 \text{ lb/day}$$

At present, the **Monitoring Requirements, Sample Types, and Frequency of Sampling** as shown in the permit are standard for facilities of flows between 0.1 and 0.5 MGD.

<u>Effluent Characteristics</u>	<u>Monitoring Requirements</u>	
	<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Sample</u>
	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Type</u>
Flow	Continuous	Recorder
BOD ₅	2/month	Grab
Total Suspended Solids	2/month	Grab
Fecal Coliform Bacteria	2/month	Grab
pH	2/month	Grab

Pollution Prevention Requirements

The permittee shall institute or continue programs directed towards pollution prevention. The permittee shall institute or continue programs to improve the operating efficiency and extend the useful life of the facility. The permittee will complete an annual Environmental Audit Report **each year** for the life of this permit according to the schedule below. The permittee will accomplish this requirement by completing an Environmental Audit Form which has been attached to the permit. Please make additional copies to be utilized for each year of this permit. All other requirements of the Municipal Wastewater Pollution Prevention Program are contained in Part II of the permit.

The audit evaluation period is as follows:

Audit Period Begins	Audit Period Ends	Audit Report Completion Date
Effective Date of Permit	12 Months from Audit Period Beginning Date	3 Months from Audit Period Ending Date

XIII. TENTATIVE DETERMINATION:

On the basis of preliminary staff review, the Department of Environmental Quality has made a tentative determination to reissue a permit for the discharge described in this Statement of Basis.

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XIV. REFERENCES:

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LPDES Permit Application to Discharge Wastewater, City of Plaquemine, North Wastewater Treatment Facility, April 30, 1999.

LWDPS Permit Application to Discharge Wastewater, City of Plaquemine, North Wastewater Treatment Facility,